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SUBJECT: UK REACTION TO PROPOSED CAP CHANGES

SUMMARY: EMBASSY OFFICERS DISCUSSED SUBJECT PROPOSALS
WITH J.H.V. DAVIES, UNDERSECRETARY AT MAFF RESPONSIBLE
FOR CAP. MR. DAVIES EXPRESSED OPINION THAT EFFECTS
OF GRAIN PROPOSAL IMPOSSIBLE TO ASSESS WITHOUT FURTHER
DETAILS AND THAT DAIRY PROPOSALS WOULD BE "IMPOSSIBLE
TO ADMINISTER" AS WELL AS BEING OF PARTICULAR BURDEN
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TO UK. HE REITERATED UK OPPOSITION TO SOYBEAN CAP.

END SUMMARY.

1. MR. DAVIES ACCOMPANIED MINISTER GODBER TO MINISTER-IAL MEETING WHICH DISCUSSED LARDINOIS PROPOSALS. HE SAID THAT HMG NOT IN POSITION TO JUDGE CEREAL PROPOSAL SINCE NOT ENOUGH DETAIL KNOWN BUT EXPRESSED OPINION THAT EC LIVESTOCK/CEREAL RATIO WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED BY PROPOSAL AS IT NOW STANDS. HE EXPRESSED OPINION ELIMINATION OF REGIONAL GRAIN PRICES WILL RESULT IN ADOPTION "NOT OF LOWEST PRICE BUT OF ONE IN LOWER HALF". HE REFUSED TO SPECULATE AS TO WHAT EFFECT ELIMINATION OF REGIONAL PRICE WOULD HAVE ON UK ANIMAL PRODUCER IN AREAS OF SCOTLAND AND WALES WHERE ANIMALS ARE PLENTIFUL BUT WHICH ARE FAR FROM GRAIN PRODUCING AREAS.

2. MR. DAVIES BELIEVES THAT THE DAIRY PROPOSAL IN ADDITION TO BEING PARTICULARLY HARMFUL TO EFFICIENT, LARGE UK DAIRY PRODUCERS WOULD BE "ADMINISTRATIVELY IMPOSSIBLE". HE EXPRESSED OPINION UK WILL BE UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE TO ELIMINATE "COMPULSARY NATURE" OF MARKETING BOARDS.

3. ON OTHER SUBJECTS MR. DAVIES RENEWED UK OPPOSITION TO SOYBEAN CAP, EXPRESSED SATISFACTION OVER GROWING UK NATIONAL FARMERS' UNION INFLUENCE IN COPA.

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